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In re Application of

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A METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR  
AUTOMATICALLY  
DETERMINING A LEVEL OF  
LIGHT FALLOFF IN AN  
IMAGE

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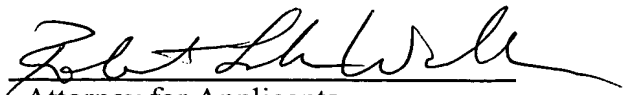
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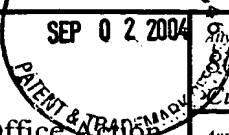
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